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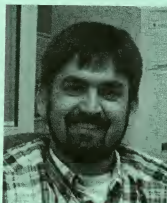
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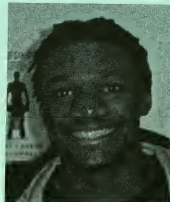
As an engineer, Alimoglu helped design a compound breath analyzer to detect radiation in a person's body that could potentially be used to diagnose as many as 400 illnesses. His goal is to have his own medical instrumentation company and further develop the technology. Before he dies, says Alimoglu, he wants to see one of the devices in every hospital in the country.



Susan Physick

Nominated in the Applied
Arts: Community Services
Category
GBC program: Assaulted
Women's and Children's
Counsellor/Advocate
Diploma
Graduated: 1990

Susan Physick has been instrumental in helping to humanize the criminal justice system in Toronto through her work as a manager for the Ministry of the Attorney General's Victim/Witness Assistance Program. Over her 11-year career, Physick has worked to make the court environment less intimidating for victims, and has helped thousands of people deal with the emotional trauma of being a victim and having to appear in court. Physick's public service has been recognized with the first-ever Civilian Award from the Metro Toronto Police Department. She credits George Brown with helping her to develop the skills required to work sensitively with victims and witnesses and to advocate for victims' rights, especially those of women and children victims of violence, and to change the system to make it fairer and more responsive to the needs of victims and witnesses.



Troy Ross

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Graduate Category
GBC program: Fashion
Technology and Design
Graduated: 1997

A two-time Olympic athlete, Troy Ross is a professional boxer and the creator and designer of *Ross Wear* active and athletic clothing. Born in Guyana, he is the son of a boxer who represented Guyana at the 1968 Olympics and the cousin of Egerton Marcus, who won a silver medal boxing for Canada in the 1988 Olympics. Ross was still a student in GBC's Fashion Technology and Design program when he represented Canada at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. He credits the help of friends who took notes for him and the teachers who let him reschedule assignments for his being able to keep up with his studies, despite frequent absences for training and competition.

Since 1999, Ross has been a spokesperson and volunteer for Youth Assisting Youth, a non-profit, charitable organization that provides guidance, support and positive role models for children aged 6 to 15 who are experiencing behavioral, social, emotional or cultural difficulties.



Colleen Walker

Nominated in the Applied
Arts: Creative Arts and
Design Category
GBC program: Culinary
Management
Graduated: 1985

Colleen Walker is the president and co-owner of Catered Affaire, one of Toronto's largest full-service catering and event planning companies, which she founded 15 years ago with husband, partner and George Brown College classmate, Robert Hudyma.

In March, Walker, Hudyma and the Catered Affaire team won the Best Catered Event in Canada at the Canadian Event Industry Awards.

Through her creative vision and vision, Catered Affaire has grown to serve more than 50,000 guests per year, catering 15 to 25 events per day. Walker also gives generously of her time and experience to help other women entrepreneurs and to promote professionalism and high standards in her industry.

She says that the George Brown Culinary Management program taught her to think creatively about food and management, which she has applied to all aspects of her catering and event planning businesses.

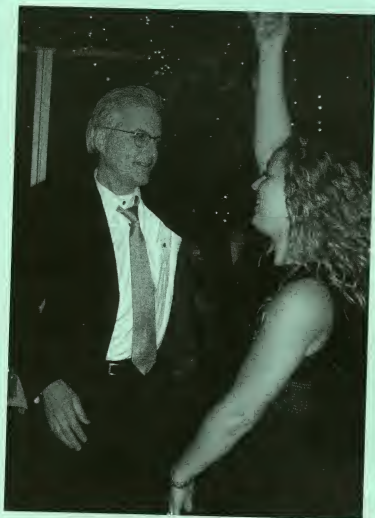
Over 100 staff met last Friday night for the College's annual Holiday Gala Dinner & Dance. This year's event was at Fantasy Farm, where holiday decorations blended into an English castle décor to create a festive atmosphere for everyone.

2001 Holiday Gala



a Dinner & Dance

The evening moved through several courses of dinner to the announcement of door prize winners by party committee member Anne Sardo – and then onto the dance floor...



Dell executive gets down to business with IT students

More than 150 Information Technology students at the Casa Loma campus attended a special Industry Forum with guest speaker Lawrence Pentland, Vice President & General Manager, Americas International of Dell Computer Corporation. Pentland spoke on economic, business and career issues relating to the IT industry. He is one of several high-profile partners with GBC's Centre for Advanced Microelectronics. He is also a member of the Information Technology Association of Canada and of the George

Brown College Foundation Board.

At the Forum, Pentland discussed the direction of the IT industry, the increased use of Internet technologies in business, and the keys to success in the industry. He emphasized that students need to believe in themselves, trust their instincts and be flexible when pursuing their careers. The question and answer session covered a broad range of subjects, from the impact of the September 11 tragedy on the industry to the future demand for IT skills.

Jim Waller, Chair of IT pro-

grams, says that Pentland's presentation was the first of a series of Forums that will be held over the course of the year, including speakers from the IT industry, financial institutions and other organi-



zations. "The students said they found the business context extremely helpful, and especially appreciated the career advice."

Waller adds that industry forums are an excellent way for students to gain a broader perspective of the IT industry. "Listening to industry experts who can talk about their experience in the 'real' world can have considerably more impact than standard classroom lectures. It's a great way for students to get a clearer understanding of how their studies fit into the overall business picture."

GBC and Central Tech expand horizon for high school students

Since signing an agreement with the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) in May, the George Brown College Faculty of Technology has been laying the groundwork for stronger relationships with Toronto area secondary schools. The first step of the process is a pilot project with Central Technical School in Toronto.

According to Michael Ludolph, Chair of GBC's Centre for Advanced Building Technologies, "In working with Central Tech, we will be able to develop and refine a working model that can then be expanded into other schools within the TDSB."

The initiatives currently in development include matching curricula at high school and College levels to reduce repetition of course material and to optimize course selections for incoming students. George Brown and Central Tech are also jointly marketing of the new model through shows and other promotional venues. The College has hosted several field trips and sent faculty to make presentations at the high school.

"We are planning several faculty exchange activities on PD days where individuals at both institutions can share ideas," says Ludolph. "We are also developing competitions that will help familiarize high school students with the College environment and our staff, and are making preliminary investigations into co-op opportunities for high school students."

Karin Fuessel, Technical Director for Central Tech, says that the project is already providing benefits to students. "They can gain a comfort level, as well as receive accreditation for selected courses they have already taken at high school. It's also a wonderful incentive for them to study harder since they require a 75 per cent minimum standing to receive the credit. For them, it's just like getting a scholarship."

While the current project is being developed with Central Tech, Ludolph says, it will be expanded to embrace not only additional Toronto area schools, but also other departments within the College.

Several Deans and Chairs

from George Brown College and representatives from area high schools will meet on December 12 to discuss future directions for the initiative. "We're definitely hoping to pull other schools into the concept at this meeting," says Fuessel.

"The December meeting is a

significant milestone, as it will help to significantly expand the scope of the agreement," confirms Ludolph. "This agreement is an important example of how educational institutions can work together to their mutual benefit, and the benefit of the students they serve."



Dianne Cunningham, Ontario's Minister Responsible for Women's Issues, chats with four-year-old Justice at the Casa Loma Child Care Centre on Nov. 22. The Minister was visiting the Centre to launch a government-sponsored training manual to help early childhood education workers identify and deal with children who experience domestic violence in their homes. She had high praise for The City College. "I want to commend George Brown College," she said. "Their ECE faculty and students are exceptional."

Awards of Excellence winners

The GBC Board of Governors' Awards of Excellence Committee has announced the recipients of this year's College-wide awards. The Committee selected the winners from the group of divisional award winners who had been chosen in June from a list of 40 nominees.

The 2001 Board of Governors' Awards of Excellence are in four categories:

Outstanding Achievement in Leadership –
Leo Suokas, Chair, *Business and Creative Arts*

Outstanding Achievement in Teaching Excellence –
Bernard Mullen, Professor, *Community Services and Health Sciences*

Outstanding Service to the College Community –
Maureen Hynes, Coordinator, *School of Labour, Community Services and Health Sciences*

Outstanding Team Achievement –
Administrative Support Team, *Business and Creative Arts*:

Sue Ascenzi; Elisabeth Henriques; Mayee Ramrattan;
Anne Sardo; Chris Todd; and Lone Vandenberg

To review the entire list of nominees for the awards, please see the June 16, 2001 issue of *City College News*, which is available on the web at www.gbrownc.on.ca/Marketing/CCN/CCN.html.

College staff changes

For the period up to October 31, 2001

New Staff:

Gilles Brochu, *Technology*
Susan Caine, *Community Services & Health Sciences*
Susan Deuis, *Community Services & Health Sciences*
Clara Escobar, *Community Services & Health Sciences*
Shirley Go, *Registrar's Office*
Hazel Nanton, *Student Affairs*
Jim Nielsen, *Community Services & Health Sciences*
Tracy Tsui, *International Centre*
Cindy Vargas, *Community Services & Health Sciences*
Liang Wu, *International Centre*
Baisong Zhang, *International Centre*

Leaving the College:

Joyce Taylor, *Community Services & Health Sciences*

Retiring from the College:

Jorge Gouveia, *Facilities Management*

Innovation Centres triple in size

Staff at George Brown College can now take advantage of the latest in high-tech equipment at the Faculty Innovation Centre at St. James Campus. Adding seven new workstations, as well as new peripherals such as scanners and CD burners, the site has now tripled in size. Along with this newly expanded facility, the College also has a Faculty Innovation Centre at Casa Loma.

According to Cal Shaw, Chair of the Centre for Learning Innovations and Academic Development, the Innovation Centres provide an excellent forum for staff to infuse learning technologies into their curriculum. The college instructional designer, Shirley Lesch, and co-op students work at the sites to instruct staff on the software or to provide computer services when required.

"Staff can use the Centre to receive instruction in new software and systems, or to do work on their own if they

like," he says. "There's definitely more demand for this type of service as more and more instructors are incorporating increasingly sophisticated learning technologies into the classroom."



LIAD Chair Cal Shaw joins co-op students Debbie Louis from Ryerson (seated) and Shweta Aggarwal from Humber.

Bursary honours faculty member

The Ontario Alliance of Career Development Practitioners has just announced a new student bursary in honour of Gillian Johnston, a coordinator with George Brown College's Career and Work Counsellor Program. The bursary, to be awarded to a student in the program, consists of \$100, membership in the Ontario Alliance of Career Development Practitioners for one year, and free entrance to the Alliance's Annual General Meeting and Professional Development Event.

The Alliance created the bursary to celebrate the many significant contributions Johnston has made to the

career development profession in Ontario. She is a founding member of the Alliance and has been extremely active in the national effort to develop guidelines and standards for Career Development Practitioners.

Georgia Quartaro, Chair of the Faculty of Community Services and Health Sciences, says, "It is very unusual to have a bursary of this sort established by an outside group in honour of someone who is currently teaching at the College. We are very proud of Gillian, whose achievements and expertise are recognized provincially and nationally."

upcoming events

OSAP Open House at Casa Loma Campus

Monday December 3 (3:00 to 5:00pm)

Casa Loma Campus, 37 Dartnell, Room A208

Come and meet the staff and find out how OSAP works. There will be lots of fun, surprises, food & drinks.

Catfish Culinary Competition

Monday December 3 (11:00am)

George Brown Chefs School, Main Atrium

Sample U.S. Farm-Raised Catfish creations as chefs compete.

WebCT Level 2 Workshop – Learning Innovations & Academic Development

Monday, December 3 (1:00pm to 4:00pm)

Casa Loma Campus, 160 Kendal Ave., Studio C 4th Floor

Thursday, December 6 (12:00pm to 3:00pm)

St. James Campus, 200 King St. W., Room 366D

Call Linda Purser at (416) 415-2000, ext. 4661 to register. For more information, contact Shirley Lesch, ext. 2867.

Wine and Cheese Reception for all staff with President Frank Sorochinsky

Nightingale – Cafeteria: *Monday, December 10 (2:00-4:00pm)*

Casa Loma – Staff Lounge: *Friday, December 14 (2:00-4:00pm)*

St. James – Siegfried's: *Tuesday, December 18 (2:00-4:00pm)*

No RSVP necessary – just drop in to chat.

Annual Staff Children's Winter Celebration

Saturday, December 8 (10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)

Cafeteria, Student Lounge & Gym, Casa Loma Campus

Please bring a pair of new mittens to help keep a child warm.

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Staff Volleyball Tournament

Thursday, December 13th

Entry Form, Rules & Regulations and Poster are on the intranet at <http://132.132.3.1>

Please send your completed Entry Form by December 6 to Cynthia McDonagh at Casa Loma or by fax to 416-415-4582. For more information, call Cynthia McDonagh at 416-415-5000 ext. 4063 or Alex Barbier at ext. 2099, or send an e-mail to cmcdonag@gbrownc.on.ca or abarbier@gbrownc.on.ca.

Aesop's Adventures - George Brown Theatre Children's Show

December 5-7 & 10-14 (10:30am and 1:00pm)

December 8 & 15 (1:00pm and 3:00pm)

Hart House Theatre, University of Toronto

Tickets are \$8 or \$4 for groups of 20 or more.

Call 416-978-8668 for tickets. For weekday school and group shows or for more information, call 416-415-2167.

news briefs

Ceremony and bursary memorialize Montreal École Polytechnique victims

On December 6th, the anniversary of the massacre at Montreal's École Polytechnique, there will be a day of remembrance and action on violence against women. The event will take place in Room 128 at St. James Campus from noon until 1 p.m. and will include choral singing, poetry reading and discussion of issues relating to violence against women. Bus transportation will be provided from the Nightingale and Casa Loma campuses. An ASL communicator will also be available.

Rebecca Simmons, a student in the Construction Engineering Technology program has received a bursary in memory of the women students killed in Montreal 12 years ago. She is one of five recipients of the \$500 bursary from the Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario.

Italy externship fund raiser coming soon

Students of the Italian Culinary Arts Program are preparing to host a major fund raising event called *Tutti a Tavola* (Everyone to the table"). The evening's festivities, under the leadership of Chef and teacher Ivano Zambotti, will take place at Siegfried's on Tuesday, February 26 from 6:30pm to midnight. The event is sponsored by the Italian Trade Commission, 13 Toronto restaurants and three wineries. The evening includes an espresso café, wine tasting, an oyster bar, tasting sessions, a live jazz band and a guest soprano.

Tickets are \$100 apiece (receipts are issued for tax refunds), with proceeds going to finance the students' externship to Italy. For more information, call Scott Ribbins at 416-415-2239, fax 416-415-2501 or call Ivano Zambotti at 416-415-2246 ext. 3316.

Interested in a work exchange Down Under?

A unique opportunity is available for support staff interested in an overseas placement. A staff member of the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) in Brisbane, Australia is seeking someone to take part in a job exchange. Petula Tam is currently a Personal Assistant/Secretary to the Dean in the Faculty of Built Environment and Engineering, and is seeking a six-month job exchange to begin July/August 2002 and to end December 2002/January 2003. For more information, contact Regina Lapworth, Manager Employment Services, at 416-415-4443 or e-mail rlapwort@gbrownc.on.ca.

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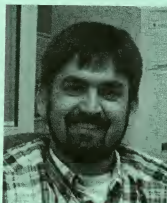
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Yilmaz Alimoglu is currently a design verification leader at SiberCore Technologies, a semiconductor company based in Kanata, Ontario. Alimoglu arrived in Canada from Istanbul with an electrical engineering degree, unable to speak a word of English and knowing nothing about computers. He says coming to George Brown turned his life around, and the education he received here gave him the practical computer and industrial electronics knowledge he needed to pursue his career goals. He continues to take Distance Education courses from the College.

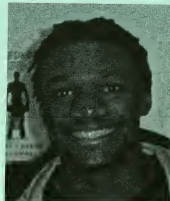
As an engineer, Alimoglu helped design a compound breath analyzer to detect radiation in a person's body that could potentially be used to diagnose as many as 400 illnesses. His goal is to have his own medical instrumentation company and further develop the technology. Before he dies, says Alimoglu, he wants to see one of the devices in every hospital in the country.



Susan Physick

Nominated in the Applied Arts: Community Services Category
GBC program: Assaulted Women's and Children's Counsellor/Advocate Diploma
Graduated: 1990

Susan Physick has been instrumental in helping to humanize the criminal justice system in Toronto through her work as a manager for the Ministry of the Attorney General's Victim/Witness Assistance Program. Over her 11-year career, Physick has worked to make the court environment less intimidating for victims, and has helped thousands of people deal with the emotional trauma of being a victim and having to appear in court. Physick's public service has been recognized with the first-ever Civilian Award from the Metro Toronto Police Department. She credits George Brown with helping her to develop the skills required to work sensitively with victims and witnesses and to advocate for victims' rights, especially those of women and children victims of violence, and to change the system to make it fairer and more responsive to the needs of victims and witnesses.



Troy Ross

Nominated in the Recent Graduate Category
GBC program: Fashion Technology and Design
Graduated: 1997

A two-time Olympic athlete, Troy Ross is a professional boxer and the creator and designer of *Ross Wear* active and athletic clothing. Born in Guyana, he is the son of a boxer who represented Guyana at the 1968 Olympics and the cousin of Egerton Marcus, who won a silver medal boxing for Canada in the 1988 Olympics. Ross was still a student in GBC's Fashion Technology and Design program when he represented Canada at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta. He credits the help of friends who took notes for him and the teachers who let him reschedule assignments for his being able to keep up with his studies, despite frequent absences for training and competition.

Since 1999, Ross has been a spokesperson and volunteer for Youth Assisting Youth, a non-profit, charitable organization that provides guidance, support and positive role models for children aged 6 to 15 who are experiencing behavioral, social, emotional or cultural difficulties.



Colleen Walker

Nominated in the Applied Arts: Creative Arts and Design Category
GBC program: Culinary Management
Graduated: 1985

Colleen Walker is the president and co-owner of Catered Affaire, one of Toronto's largest full-service catering and event planning companies, which she founded 15 years ago with husband, partner and George Brown College classmate, Robert Hudyma.

In March, Walker, Hudyma and the Catered Affaire team won the Best Catered Event in Canada at the Canadian Event Industry Awards.

Through her creative vision and vision, Catered Affaire has grown to serve more than 50,000 guests per year, catering 15 to 25 events per day. Walker also gives generously of her time and experience to help other women entrepreneurs and to promote professionalism and high standards in her industry.

She says that the George Brown Culinary Management program taught her to think creatively about food and management, which she has applied to all aspects of her catering and event planning businesses.

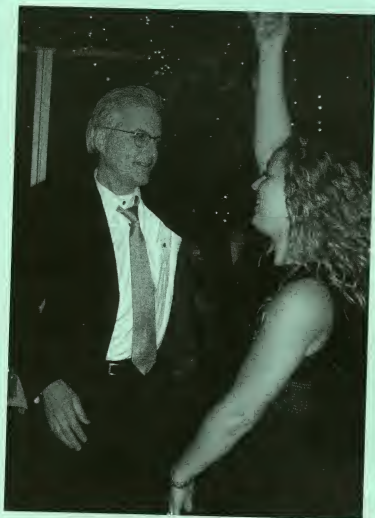
Over 100 staff met last Friday night for the College's annual Holiday Gala Dinner & Dance. This year's event was at Fantasy Farm, where holiday decorations blended into an English castle décor to create a festive atmosphere for everyone.

2001 Holiday Gala



a Dinner & Dance

The evening moved through several courses of dinner to the announcement of door prize winners by party committee member Anne Sardo – and then onto the dance floor...



Dell executive gets down to business with IT students

More than 150 Information Technology students at the Casa Loma campus attended a special Industry Forum with guest speaker Lawrence Pentland, Vice President & General Manager, Americas International of Dell Computer Corporation. Pentland spoke on economic, business and career issues relating to the IT industry. He is one of several high-profile partners with GBC's Centre for Advanced Microelectronics. He is also a member of the Information Technology Association of Canada and of the George

Brown College Foundation Board.

At the Forum, Pentland discussed the direction of the IT industry, the increased use of Internet technologies in business, and the keys to success in the industry. He emphasized that students need to believe in themselves, trust their instincts and be flexible when pursuing their careers. The question and answer session covered a broad range of subjects, from the impact of the September 11 tragedy on the industry to the future demand for IT skills.

Jim Waller, Chair of IT pro-

grams, says that Pentland's presentation was the first of a series of Forums that will be held over the course of the year, including speakers from the IT industry, financial institutions and other organi-



zations. "The students said they found the business context extremely helpful, and especially appreciated the career advice."

Waller adds that industry forums are an excellent way for students to gain a broader perspective of the IT industry. "Listening to industry experts who can talk about their experience in the 'real' world can have considerably more impact than standard classroom lectures. It's a great way for students to get a clearer understanding of how their studies fit into the overall business picture."

GBC and Central Tech expand horizon for high school students

Since signing an agreement with the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) in May, the George Brown College Faculty of Technology has been laying the groundwork for stronger relationships with Toronto area secondary schools. The first step of the process is a pilot project with Central Technical School in Toronto.

According to Michael Ludolph, Chair of GBC's Centre for Advanced Building Technologies, "In working with Central Tech, we will be able to develop and refine a working model that can then be expanded into other schools within the TDSB."

The initiatives currently in development include matching curricula at high school and College levels to reduce repetition of course material and to optimize course selections for incoming students. George Brown and Central Tech are also jointly marketing of the new model through shows and other promotional venues. The College has hosted several field trips and sent faculty to make presentations at the high school.

"We are planning several faculty exchange activities on PD days where individuals at both institutions can share ideas," says Ludolph. "We are also developing competitions that will help familiarize high school students with the College environment and our staff, and are making preliminary investigations into co-op opportunities for high school students."

Karin Fuessel, Technical Director for Central Tech, says that the project is already providing benefits to students. "They can gain a comfort level, as well as receive accreditation for selected courses they have already taken at high school. It's also a wonderful incentive for them to study harder since they require a 75 per cent minimum standing to receive the credit. For them, it's just like getting a scholarship."

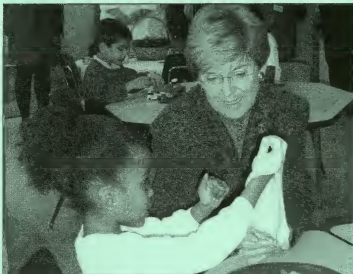
While the current project is being developed with Central Tech, Ludolph says, it will be expanded to embrace not only additional Toronto area schools, but also other departments within the College.

Several Deans and Chairs

from George Brown College and representatives from area high schools will meet on December 12 to discuss future directions for the initiative. "We're definitely hoping to pull other schools into the concept at this meeting," says Fuessel.

"The December meeting is a

significant milestone, as it will help to significantly expand the scope of the agreement," confirms Ludolph. "This agreement is an important example of how educational institutions can work together to their mutual benefit, and the benefit of the students they serve."



Dianne Cunningham, Ontario's Minister Responsible for Women's Issues, chats with four-year-old Justice at the Casa Loma Child Care Centre on Nov. 22. The Minister was visiting the Centre to launch a government-sponsored training manual to help early childhood education workers identify and deal with children who experience domestic violence in their homes. She had high praise for The City College. "I want to commend George Brown College," she said. "Their ECE faculty and students are exceptional."

Awards of Excellence winners

The GBC Board of Governors' Awards of Excellence Committee has announced the recipients of this year's College-wide awards. The Committee selected the winners from the group of divisional award winners who had been chosen in June from a list of 40 nominees.

The 2001 Board of Governors' Awards of Excellence are in four categories:

Outstanding Achievement in Leadership –
Leo Suokas, Chair, *Business and Creative Arts*

Outstanding Achievement in Teaching Excellence –
Bernard Mullen, Professor, *Community Services and Health Sciences*

Outstanding Service to the College Community –
Maureen Hynes, Coordinator, *School of Labour, Community Services and Health Sciences*

Outstanding Team Achievement –
Administrative Support Team, *Business and Creative Arts*:

Sue Ascenzi; Elisabeth Henriques; Mayee Ramrattan;
Anne Sardo; Chris Todd; and Lone Vandenberg

To review the entire list of nominees for the awards, please see the June 16, 2001 issue of *City College News*, which is available on the web at www.gbrownc.on.ca/Marketing/CCN/CCN.html.

College staff changes

For the period up to October 31, 2001

New Staff:

Gilles Brochu, *Technology*
Susan Caine, *Community Services & Health Sciences*
Susan Deuis, *Community Services & Health Sciences*
Clara Escobar, *Community Services & Health Sciences*
Shirley Go, *Registrar's Office*
Hazel Nanton, *Student Affairs*
Jim Nielsen, *Community Services & Health Sciences*
Tracy Tsui, *International Centre*
Cindy Vargas, *Community Services & Health Sciences*
Liang Wu, *International Centre*
Baisong Zhang, *International Centre*

Leaving the College:

Joyce Taylor, *Community Services & Health Sciences*

Retiring from the College:

Jorge Gouveia, *Facilities Management*

Innovation Centres triple in size

Staff at George Brown College can now take advantage of the latest in high-tech equipment at the Faculty Innovation Centre at St. James Campus. Adding seven new workstations, as well as new peripherals such as scanners and CD burners, the site has now tripled in size. Along with this newly expanded facility, the College also has a Faculty Innovation Centre at Casa Loma.

According to Cal Shaw, Chair of the Centre for Learning Innovations and Academic Development, the Innovation Centres provide an excellent forum for staff to infuse learning technologies into their curriculum. The college instructional designer, Shirley Lesch, and co-op students work at the sites to instruct staff on the software or to provide computer services when required.

"Staff can use the Centre to receive instruction in new software and systems, or to do work on their own if they

like," he says. "There's definitely more demand for this type of service as more and more instructors are incorporating increasingly sophisticated learning technologies into the classroom."



LIAD Chair Cal Shaw joins co-op students Debbie Louis from Ryerson (seated) and Shweta Aggarwal from Humber.

Bursary honours faculty member

The Ontario Alliance of Career Development Practitioners has just announced a new student bursary in honour of Gillian Johnston, a coordinator with George Brown College's Career and Work Counsellor Program. The bursary, to be awarded to a student in the program, consists of \$100, membership in the Ontario Alliance of Career Development Practitioners for one year, and free entrance to the Alliance's Annual General Meeting and Professional Development Event.

The Alliance created the bursary to celebrate the many significant contributions Johnston has made to the

career development profession in Ontario. She is a founding member of the Alliance and has been extremely active in the national effort to develop guidelines and standards for Career Development Practitioners.

Georgia Quartaro, Chair of the Faculty of Community Services and Health Sciences, says, "It is very unusual to have a bursary of this sort established by an outside group in honour of someone who is currently teaching at the College. We are very proud of Gillian, whose achievements and expertise are recognized provincially and nationally."

upcoming events

OSAP Open House at Casa Loma Campus

Monday December 3 (3:00 to 5:00pm)

Casa Loma Campus, 37 Dartnell, Room A208

Come and meet the staff and find out how OSAP works. There will be lots of fun, surprises, food & drinks.

Catfish Culinary Competition

Monday December 3 (11:00am)

George Brown Chefs School, Main Atrium

Sample U.S. Farm-Raised Catfish creations as chefs compete.

WebCT Level 2 Workshop – Learning Innovations & Academic Development

Monday, December 3 (1:00pm to 4:00pm)

Casa Loma Campus, 160 Kendal Ave., Studio C 4th Floor

Thursday, December 6 (12:00pm to 3:00pm)

St. James Campus, 200 King St. W., Room 366D

Call Linda Purser at (416) 415-2000, ext. 4661 to register. For more information, contact Shirley Lesch, ext. 2867.

Wine and Cheese Reception for all staff with President Frank Sorochinsky

Nightingale – Cafeteria: *Monday, December 10 (2:00-4:00pm)*

Casa Loma – Staff Lounge: *Friday, December 14 (2:00-4:00pm)*

St. James – Siegfried's: *Tuesday, December 18 (2:00-4:00pm)*

No RSVP necessary – just drop in to chat.

Annual Staff Children's Winter Celebration

Saturday, December 8 (10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.)

Cafeteria, Student Lounge & Gym, Casa Loma Campus

Please bring a pair of new mittens to help keep a child warm.

Web Page Development Workshop – Learning Innovations & Academic Development

Friday, December 14 (9:00am to 12:00pm)

Casa Loma Campus, 160 Kendal Ave., Studio C 4th Floor

Call Linda Purser at (416) 415-2000, ext. 4661 to register. For more information, contact Shirley Lesch, ext. 2867.

Staff Volleyball Tournament

Thursday, December 13th

Entry Form, Rules & Regulations and Poster are on the intranet at <http://132.132.3.1>

Please send your completed Entry Form by December 6 to Cynthia McDonagh at Casa Loma or by fax to 416-415-4582. For more information, call Cynthia McDonagh at 416-415-5000 ext. 4063 or Alex Barbier at ext. 2099, or send an e-mail to cmcdonag@gbrownc.on.ca or abarbier@gbrownc.on.ca.

Aesop's Adventures - George Brown Theatre Children's Show

December 5-7 & 10-14 (10:30am and 1:00pm)

December 8 & 15 (1:00pm and 3:00pm)

Hart House Theatre, University of Toronto

Tickets are \$8 or \$4 for groups of 20 or more.

Call 416-978-8668 for tickets. For weekday school and group shows or for more information, call 416-415-2167.

news briefs

Ceremony and bursary memorialize Montreal École Polytechnique victims

On December 6th, the anniversary of the massacre at Montreal's École Polytechnique, there will be a day of remembrance and action on violence against women. The event will take place in Room 128 at St. James Campus from noon until 1 p.m. and will include choral singing, poetry reading and discussion of issues relating to violence against women. Bus transportation will be provided from the Nightingale and Casa Loma campuses. An ASL communicator will also be available.

Rebecca Simmons, a student in the Construction Engineering Technology program has received a bursary in memory of the women students killed in Montreal 12 years ago. She is one of five recipients of the \$500 bursary from the Association of Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario.

Italy externship fund raiser coming soon

Students of the Italian Culinary Arts Program are preparing to host a major fund raising event called *Tutti a Tavola* (Everyone to the table"). The evening's festivities, under the leadership of Chef and teacher Ivano Zambotti, will take place at Siegfried's on Tuesday, February 26 from 6:30pm to midnight. The event is sponsored by the Italian Trade Commission, 13 Toronto restaurants and three wineries. The evening includes an espresso café, wine tasting, an oyster bar, tasting sessions, a live jazz band and a guest soprano.

Tickets are \$100 apiece (receipts are issued for tax refunds), with proceeds going to finance the students' externship to Italy. For more information, call Scott Ribbins at 416-415-2239, fax 416-415-2501 or call Ivano Zambotti at 416-415-2246 ext. 3316.

Interested in a work exchange Down Under?

A unique opportunity is available for support staff interested in an overseas placement. A staff member of the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) in Brisbane, Australia is seeking someone to take part in a job exchange. Petula Tam is currently a Personal Assistant/Secretary to the Dean in the Faculty of Built Environment and Engineering, and is seeking a six-month job exchange to begin July/August 2002 and to end December 2002/January 2003. For more information, contact Regina Lapworth, Manager Employment Services, at 416-415-4443 or e-mail rlapwort@gbrownc.on.ca.

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